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Party on the Patio Welcomes Students, Community

Free Concert, Lantern Release Planned for September 6

Wheeling, WV – To welcome back students and bid an unofficial farewell to summer, Downtown Wheeling, Inc. is hosting a free Party on the Patio concert as part of First Fridays on September 6. KR-3 and The Other Tribe are set to perform outside WesBanco Arena, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Other Tribe is a performance drum circle and fire dance troupe that will kick off the evening's festivities, followed by the Wheeling-based "psychedelic jam rock band" KR-3. The outdoor concert is open to all ages and free to attend, with concessions available inside the Arena.

At 9:00 p.m., concertgoers are invited to gather at the Heritage Port Amphitheater to Light Up the Night. Members of Downtown Wheeling, Inc. will give out 100 red paper lanterns for attendees to release into the Wheeling skyline. Historically, soldiers used lanterns, or sky candles, to signal their location to their troops. The floating paper lights eventually became part of cultural rituals, as they were believed to carry messages to the heavens. Today, lanterns are commonly used in celebrations as a symbolic release of one's wishes or prayers.

The following Downtown businesses will also participate in First Fridays this month:

Artworks Around Town "Heaven On Earth" Worship Stuff With Attitude
Bridge Tavern & Grill Later Alligator The Honey Hole

Casa di Vino Metropolitan Citi Grill The Market Vines Wine Bar

Centre Cup Coffee Oliver's Pies & Grille

Centre Market Bakery River City The Soup Shack
Children's Museum of the OV Ideal Provisions Towngate Cinema

Darker Tanning Salon Roadrunner Computer Uncle Pete's
Dicarlo's Pizza Shabby2Chic WoodNStiches

Good Mansion Wines SMART Centre Market

For a complete list of First Fridays specials and events, visit facebook.com/FirstFridayWheeling.

About Downtown Wheeling, Inc.: Downtown Wheeling, Inc., formerly ON-TRAC, is a volunteer organization dedicated to the advancement, preservation, and revitalization of the Downtown Wheeling area. Initiatives of the group include the Wheeling Wine & Jazz Festival, local pier painting projects, and First Fridays.

About First Fridays: On the first Friday of every month, Ohio Valley residents are encouraged to visit Wheeling's downtown area to support local businesses and enjoy special food and drink offers throughout the evening. A free trolley runs from 4:30 to 10:30 p.m. throughout Downtown, stopping at designated locations between Uncle Pete's and Centre Market.

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